lar availability of hank yarn at reasonable rates. A number of steps have been taken by the Government in this regard like the Hank Yarn Obligation Scheme, operation of yarn depot scheme by the NHDC, exemption of hank yarn from duty, provision of share capital assistance to Weaver's Cooperative Spinning Mills, etc. In addition, Government has directed its own mills under the control of NTC to step up production of hank yarn and the fulfilment of hank yarn obligation is being monitored closely Sizeable funds have been allocated for augmenting the total availability of hank yarn in the country by providing share capital assistance to Cooperative spinning mills

Government of India has an open mind on this issue and is willing to consider on merit proposals from State Governments formulated for better distribution of hank yarn to handloom weavers

Government is committed to the policy it has enunciated under the Hank Yarn Obligation Scheme and stringent steps to monitor implementation of hank yarn obligation both by the private sector as well as State/Cooperative sector mills are envisaged including involvement of the district authorities in monitoring distribution of the Hank Yarn to the weavers

Setting up of Family Courts in Delhi

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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Administration have decided to set up Family Courts in Delhi;

(b) if so, the salient features of their functioning stating clearly if the functioning of such courts will be different from that of the existing courts, and

(c) whether there has been any protest/agitation from any quarter against this decision and the steps taken by Government to resolve the issue?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (DR SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Family Courts are essentially Civil Courts having jurisdiction over family matters relating to matrimonial relief, legitimacy, guardianship and maintenance cases The family Courts are designed to effect reconciliation or settlement between the parties to the disputes No party to a dispute before the Family Court has a right to be represented by a legal practitioner, but where the Court considers it necessary, it may seek the assistance of legal experts

(c) A number of advocates have opposed setting up of Family Courts in the Union Territory of Delhi It has been decided to review the matter

Ban on the export of raw materials

11 SHRI B K HARIPRASAD Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that in their drive to earn foreign exchange, Government are over exporting India's limited natural raw material especially iron, manganese, etc; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to impose a total ban on exports of raw materials and instead manufacture and export value-added products?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (DR SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY): (a) No, Sir

(b) While there is no proposal to completely ban exports of minerals in raw material form, export of value added products is encouraged.